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Chief, Policy and Compliance Division

Transmittal #6, Health Care Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans Policy Manual

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1. Policy and Compliance Division have made the following additions, revisions, and/or corrections to the Health Care Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans Policy Manual. Explanation of the changes and related index updates are in the following summary.
2. This transmittal memorandum should be posted in the front of your Policy Manual. The old/revised policies and subject index should be removed and the new changes inserted.

Chapter 2, Section 5, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME).

- Adds Related References.
- Adds to Policy Considerations that a vehicle lift for a wheelchair that is interchangeable from one vehicle to another, or an approved alternative, is considered an accessory that may be considered for coverage.
- Clarifies under Exclusions vehicle modifications such as hand controls, as this is not considered as serving a medical purpose.
- Adds to Exclusions vehicle lifts that are non-detachable and/or manufactured for a specific vehicle that cannot be removed from one vehicle and used in another vehicle are viewed as customizations to the vehicle and not an accessory to the wheelchair and are not covered.

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